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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I cannot say what were the instances brought to the notice of the Government. But generally the matter was brought to our notice, and we thought that it was our duty to warn the public about this.

SRI M. PATANJALI SASTRI : Is it the considered opinion of the Government that all astrologers and palmists are quacks?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, some persons posing as magicians, astrologers and palmists have been cheating the public. This is no aspersion on real astrologers and real palmists but only the quacks who go about as experts and almost extort money from people, predicting all sorts of evil things and then saying that it should be possible to rectify them by poojas. This has reference to them.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : These persons advertise only in the dailies or weeklies. Will the Government direct the dailies or weeklies not to accept advertisements from these people?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Then it will be immediately said that the freedom of the Press is involved. After all, there are so many advertisements coming up. It only shows that we should not take these advertisements quite seriously.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Does this question involve Siddha Vaidhyas?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no specific reference. But some pose as experts and dupe the public. In that way Siddha Vaidhyas come in.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT OF REMESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras Co-operative Societies Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1961), as passed by the Assembly on the 23rd August 1961, for the recommendations of the Council and certifying that the Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1961-62.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I rise to present the First Supplementary Estimates for the year 1961-62. The detailed explanatory statement of the demands for grants is placed on the table of the House. The total supplementary demand is for Rs. 67

lakhs, of which the share of the revenue account is Rs. 37 lakhs while Rs. 22 lakhs come under the Capital Account and Rs. 8 lakhs under " Loans and Advances ".

The demands are mainly on ' New Services ' of Development. This is the first year of the Third Five-Year Plan and new schemes which were not ready for the budget are being sanctioned in accordance with our programme. The demands before the House also provide for additional appropriations in respect of heads for which further outlays are found necessary.

Revenue Account.—The major demand in the Revenue Account is for the relief of distress and damages caused by the recent floods in the Cauvery. A separate Public Works Department Circle has also been formed to attend to flood damages and a sum of Rs. 25 lakhs has been provided to meet the expenditure. Additional funds will be obtained in the Final Supplementary Estimates, when a more accurate forecast of the expenditure can be made.

The demand under Education includes a significant item of new expenditure relating to the expenses to be borne by this Government, in distributing the munificent gift of food articles by the American people represented by the *CARE* Organisation, in support of our Midday Meal Scheme. The *CARE* Organisation has offered to supply in the current year 18·75 million pounds of rice, 6·25 million pounds of milk powder, 3 million pounds of enriched corn meal and 3 million pounds of vegetable oil worth approximately Rs. 3 crores. The demand under Education also provides for the expenditure of setting up of a new Department of Archaeology for looking after our ancient monuments and for the strengthening of the administrative staff of the Education department in the districts.

The demand under ' Medical ' comprises among other things an expenditure of Rs. 2 lakhs, consequent on the transfer of Local Fund medical institutions to Government, in accordance with section 13 of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958. The demand under ' Industries ' provides for an expenditure of Rs. 5 lakhs towards the acquisition of lands for setting up a factory for the manufacture of Surgical Instruments at Nandambakkam in Saidapet taluk. Under the demand for Community Development Projects a token provision of Rs. 100 has been made towards grant-in-aid to the State Khadi and Village Industries Board for execution of schemes relating to ' Rural Arts, Crafts and Industries '.

Capital Account.—As regards capital outlay, a major irrigation scheme for ' Improvements to Palar Anicut and Channels ' estimated to cost over Rs. 48 lakhs was sanctioned recently and a sum of Rs. 4·5 lakhs has been provided in the current supplementary estimate. Under ' Capital Outlay on Industrial Development ' a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs has been provided for the purchase of new tractors and bulldozers to be utilised under the Tractor-Hiring scheme.

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Loans and Advances.—A significant item under 'Loans and Advances' is an advance of Rs. 2 lakhs to the State Housing Board. The new Board has started functioning from April 1961 and is expected to be self-supporting within three years. Another item under this head is a loan of Rs. 4 lakhs to the Industrial Co-operative Tea Factory at Kotagiri. This factory has been established to benefit about 3,000 small tea growers in the Kotagiri area, who are now dependent on private factory owners.

With these words, Sir, I commend the First Supplementary Estimates for the acceptance of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 28th August 1961.

The House then adjourned.

IV.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 423. *Thirteenth Report (Second Assembly) of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Legislative Assembly.*

* 424. *Notification issued with G.O. No.* 2780, *Revenue, dated 6th July* 1961, *regarding appointment of all Deputy Commercial Tax Officers and certain Joint Commercial Tax Officers to exercise the powers of Entertainments Tax Officer within their respective jurisdiction.*

* 425. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 4137, *Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Labour), dated 15th June* 1961, *regarding amendment to the Madras Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Rules,* 1947.

* 426. *Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Madras for the year* 1959–60 *and the Audit Report,* 1961 *(Volumes I and II).*

† 427. First Report of the Committee on Estimates (1960–61) of the Madras Legislative Assembly (Second).

‡ 428. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 1940, *Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 13th July* 1961, *regarding amendments to the Madras Bhoodan Yagna Rules,* 1959.

§ 429. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 1941, *Home, dated 9th June* 1961 *regarding amendments to the Madras Cinemas (Regulation) Rules,* 1957.

§ 430. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 4421, *Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Labour), dated 6th July* 1961, *regarding amendment to the Madras Plantations Labour Rules,* 1955.

§ 431. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 4503, *Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Labour), dated 11th July* 1961, *exempting permanently the Connemara Hotel, Madras, from the provisions of section* 18 *of the Madras Catering Establishments Act,* 1958.

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* Laid on the table of the House on 21st August 1961.

† Laid on the table of the House on 22nd August 1961.

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